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SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Is there any special reason why this Government did not represent the matter to the Government of India, when Travancore–Cochin had already represented the matter and some remedial measures are being taken? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that if there is necessity to represent to the Government of India, the question will be considered."

Permanent Wage Board.

* 463 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to set up a permanent wage board in the State to fix fair wages to the workers with tripartite composition as per the recommendation of the Planning Commission? 3-30 p.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No proposal of the kind mentioned by the hon. Member is under consideration."

Closure of Mohanram Mills at Madurai.

* 464 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the management of the Mohanram Mills at Madurai gave notice to the Government about the closure of the Mill before such closure; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take for the reopening of the Mills?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The question whether the Mill was closed for bona fide reasons is under examination."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On what date did the management give notice to the Government, to the Labour Department and to the workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The management gave notice of closure of the mills to the Government on 8th February 1954."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know when the mill was closed? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no information. A separate question may be put."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I understand that the mill was closed on 8th February. The Hon. Minister says that they have received notice of closure of the mills on 8th February. May I request the Hon. Minister to clarify the position? Will he go into the matter and find out whether the management did give sufficient notice to the workers about the closure of the mills? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the information of the hon. Member tallies with my information. I do not know where there is inconsistency."